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SUBJECT : Proposed Changes in East Asian Warning Report

1. Over the years the East Asian Warning Report has become increasingly sterile, and as a consequence, there is scant evidence that it is taken seriously at senior levels. In an effort to restore a useful purpose to the Report, I propose as an experiment to restructure it along the following lines:

- The first section of the Report would be called Warning. Here would be described serious storms in the region, if any, together with an account of analytical responses. Most of the storms in East Asia start in North Korea.
- A second section, entitled Regional Developments, would describe the clouds in the region, such as the resistance in Kampuchea and problems in Chinese-US relations. These are the subjects most frequently and profitably discussed at our meetings, but in my view we are crying wolf if we continue to list them under the heading of warning.
- The third section, called Plans for Interagency Work, would list new NIEs, SNIEs and IIMs for the region.
- In a final section entitled Regional Policy Issues an account would be offered of what the representatives in attendance considered to be the main continuing or future East Asian policy issues facing US policy-makers.

2. The restructuring of the Warning Report will require restructuring of the format of the Warning meeting along similar lines. As part of the experiment, I would like to assign in advance one or more discussion leaders for each section. If we start with the April warning meeting, we should know by June or July whether the restructuring is useful. Comments are welcome.

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